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SUBJECT: IRISH FISHING OFF US COAST

COPENHAGEN FOR FISHATT

1. IRISH STERN TRAWLER ERIN FISHER, NUMBER C-54, FORMERLY JAPANESE VESSEL NUMBER FOI-92, WITH CREW OF TEN IRISH NATIONALS PLUS SOME JAPANESE CREW, WAS BOARDED BY US COAST GUARD IN POSITION 41-17 N, 69-00 W, ON OCTOBER 6, FISHING FOR HERRING IN ICNAF AREA 5Z. SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER VESSEL WAS SIGHTED OFF VIRGINIA FISHING FOR SQUID.

2. MASTER AWARE OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF) AND KNOWS IRELAND IS NOT A MEMBER. HOWEVER, MASTER STATED DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH ICNAF PRINCIPLES. HE SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY US OFFICIALS OF HIS TOTAL HERRING CATCH PRIOR RETURNING TO HOMEPORT. HE ALSO STATED THAT QUOTE THEY UNQUOTE WANT TO BUY FIVE MORE FISHING VESSELS FROM JAPAN.

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3. REQUEST ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN GATHER ON IRISH INTENTIONS TO FISH IN ICNAF AREAS, INCLUDING INTENT TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL VESSELS, AND ON ANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN IRISH GOVT OR INDUSTRY AND JAPANESE GOVT OR INDUSTRY IN THIS REGARD. IS PRODUCT FROM SUCH FISHING ACTIVITY DESTINED FOR IRISH MARKETS OR FOR EXPORT TO JAPAN?

4. ICNAF AREAS ARE NOW UNDER STRICT QUOTA SYSTEM APPLICABLE TO MEMBER NATIONS. ALL NATIONS CONDUCTING SIGNIFICANT FISHERIES IN ICNAF AREAS ARE MEMBERS. PURPOSE OF ICNAF IS CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISH STOCKS. INGERSOLL

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